



The

Atlanta Strategic Action Plan

PARTIAL UPDATE

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City of Atlanta

Your City, Your Vision, Your Plan



Outline for Meeting Presentation

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- The New ASAP compared to the Old CDP
- What is the Partial Update Requirement?
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 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Natural Resources
 - Historical Resources
 - Land Use
- **Discussion/Comments**



Background

- May 2005, Georgia State Department of Community Affairs (DCA) published new guidelines/requirements for local government comprehensive planning

Among other things:

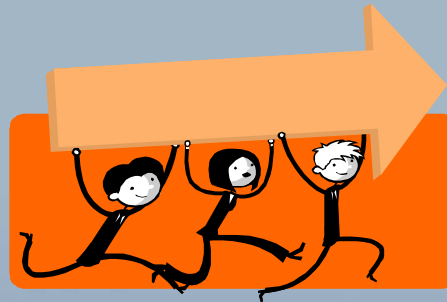
- It requires additional components to be included in the new comprehensive planning process
- There is a shift in focus toward **community input, quality growth** and **policy making**
- These New DCA guidelines are available at www.dca.state.ga.us/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/spr.asp



What is the A.S.A.P

- **ASAP** is the New **CDP** (2007 -2032)

**The Old
CDP**



Atlanta's Communities
working together

**The New
ASAP**

- The **A**tlanta **S**trategic **A**ction **P**lan is the new long range comprehensive development planning document for the City of Atlanta




The Old CDP vs New ASAP

Old CDP process				New ASAP process			
Annual updates				5 year full updates			
Quarterly amendments 2007 Quarterly CDP Hearings				Quarterly amendments 2007 Quarterly CDP Hearings			
DAY	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	DAY	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT
MONDAY	March 12	6:00 pm	First Quarter CDP Amendments	MONDAY	March 12	6:00 pm	First Quarter CDP Amendments
MONDAY	June 11	6:00 pm	Second Quarter CDP Amendments	MONDAY	June 11	6:00 pm	Second Quarter CDP Amendments
MONDAY	Sept. 10	6:00 pm	Third Quarter CDP Amendments	MONDAY	Sept. 10	6:00 pm	Third Quarter CDP Amendments
MONDAY	Nov. 26	6:00 pm	Fourth Quarter CDP Amendments	MONDAY	Nov. 26	6:00 pm	Fourth Quarter CDP Amendments
Community comment process				Community comment process is more extensive and inclusive			
Based on the assessment of current conditions and project lists				Based on a more holistic and strategic approach to problem solving towards achieving the City's Vision			

The ASAP Partial Update Requirement

- Georgia State Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires a Partial Update for 2007



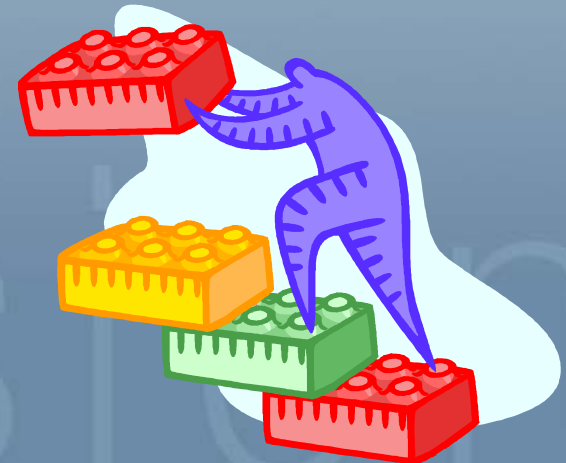
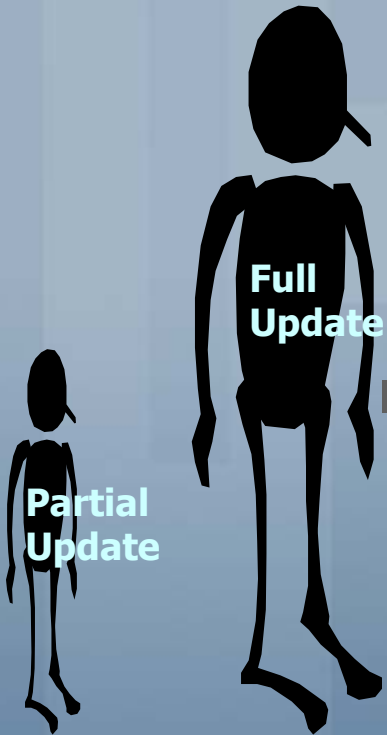
Atlanta must submit a partial plan update in 2007 before submitting the full plan update in 2009.

- The full 2007-2032 ASAP document will be submitted in October 2009



The Partial Update

- The requirements for the Partial Update includes only a portion of the required components of the Full Document
- It will help provide a foundation for the Full Document to be built upon



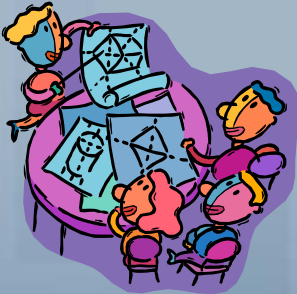


What's in the Partial Update?

■ Three components:

➤ Community Assessment

- ✓ Where we are



➤ Community Participation

- ✓ Public Input

➤ Community Agenda

- ✓ Policies and Strategies





What's in the Partial Update?

Community Assessment

- In the Community Assessment the Plan will address:
 - Seven Plan Elements
 - ✓ Population
 - ✓ Economic Development
 - ✓ Housing
 - ✓ Community Facilities
 - ✓ Natural and Cultural Resources
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Land Use
 - An assessment of the State's Quality Community Objectives (QCO)
 - An analysis of Areas Requiring Special Attention





➤ An assessment of the State's Quality Community Objectives (QCO)

✓ *Development Patterns*

Traditional Neighborhoods

Traditional neighborhood development patterns should be encouraged, including use of more human scale development, compact development, mixing of uses within easy walking distance of one another, and facilitating pedestrian activity.

Infill Development

Communities should maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the conversion of undeveloped land at the urban periphery by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the downtown or traditional urban core of the community.

Sense of Place

Traditional downtown areas should be maintained as the focal point of the community or, for newer areas where this is not possible, the development of activity centers that serve as community focal points should be encouraged. These community focal points should be attractive, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly places where people choose to gather for shopping, dining, socializing, and entertainment.

Transportation Alternatives

Alternatives to transportation by automobile, including mass transit, bicycle routes, and pedestrian facilities, should be made available in each community. Greater use of alternate transportation should be encouraged.

Regional Identity

Each region should promote and preserve a regional "identity", or regional sense of place, defined in terms of traditional architecture, common economic linkages that bind the region together, or shared characteristics.



➤ An assessment of the State's Quality Community Objectives (QCO)

✓ *Resource Conservation*

Heritage Preservation

The traditional character of the community should be maintained through preserving and revitalizing historic areas of the community, encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community, and protecting other scenic or natural features that are important to defining the community's character.

Open Space Preservation

New development should be designed to minimize the amount of land consumed, and open space should be set aside from development for use as public parks or as greenbelts/wildlife corridors. Compact development ordinances are one way of encouraging this type of open space preservation.

Environmental Protection

Environmentally sensitive areas should be protected from negative imprints of development, particularly when they are important for maintaining traditional character or quality of life of the community or region. Whenever possible, the terrain, drainage, and vegetation of an area should be preserved.

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➤ An assessment of the State's Quality Community Objectives (QCO)

✓ *Social and Economic Development*

Growth Preparedness

Each community should identify and put in place the pre-requisites for the type of growth it seeks to achieve. These might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support new growth, appropriate training of the workforce, ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired, or leadership capable of responding to growth opportunities and managing new growth when it occurs.

Appropriate Businesses

The businesses and industries encouraged to develop or expand in a community should be suitable for the community in terms of job skills required, long-term sustainability, linkages to other economic activities in the region, impact on the resources of the area, and future prospects for expansion and creation of higher-skill job opportunities.

Housing Choices

A range of size, cost, and density should be provided in each community to make it possible for all who work in the community to also live in the community (thereby reducing commuting distances), to promote a mixture of income and age groups in each community, and a range of housing choice to meet market needs.

Educational Opportunities

Educational and training opportunities should be readily available in each community – to permit community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technical advances, or to pursue entrepreneurial ambitions.



➤ An assessment of the State's Quality Community Objectives (QCO)

✓ ***Governmental Relations***

Local Self-determination

Communities should be allowed to develop and work toward achieving their own vision for the future. Where the state seeks to achieve particular objectives, state financial and technical assistance should be used as the incentive to encourage local government conformance to those objectives.

Regional Cooperation

Regional cooperation should be encouraged in setting priorities, identifying shared needs, and finding collaborative solutions, particularly where it is critical to success of a venture, such as protection of shared natural resources or development of a transportation network.

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➤ An analysis of Areas Requiring Special Attention (ARSA)

1. **Areas of significant natural or cultural resources, particularly where these are likely to be intruded upon or otherwise impacted by development**
2. **Areas where rapid development or change of land uses is likely to occur**
3. **Areas where the pace of development has and/or may outpace the availability of community facilities and services, including transportation**
4. **Areas in need of redevelopment and/or significant improvements to aesthetics or attractiveness (including strip commercial corridors)**
5. **Large abandoned structures or sites, including those that may be environmentally contaminated**
6. **Areas with significant infill development opportunities (scattered vacant sites)**
7. **Area of significant disinvestment, levels of poverty, and/or unemployment substantially higher than average levels for the community as a whole**



What's in the Partial Update? Community Agenda

- In the Community Agenda the Plan will present:
 - An evaluation of Issues and Opportunities
 - An Implementation Program
 - The City's Future Land Use Map





What's in the Partial Update?

Community Participation

ASAP Study Area Groups

Northside – A,B,C,D

Northwest – G,J,K,L

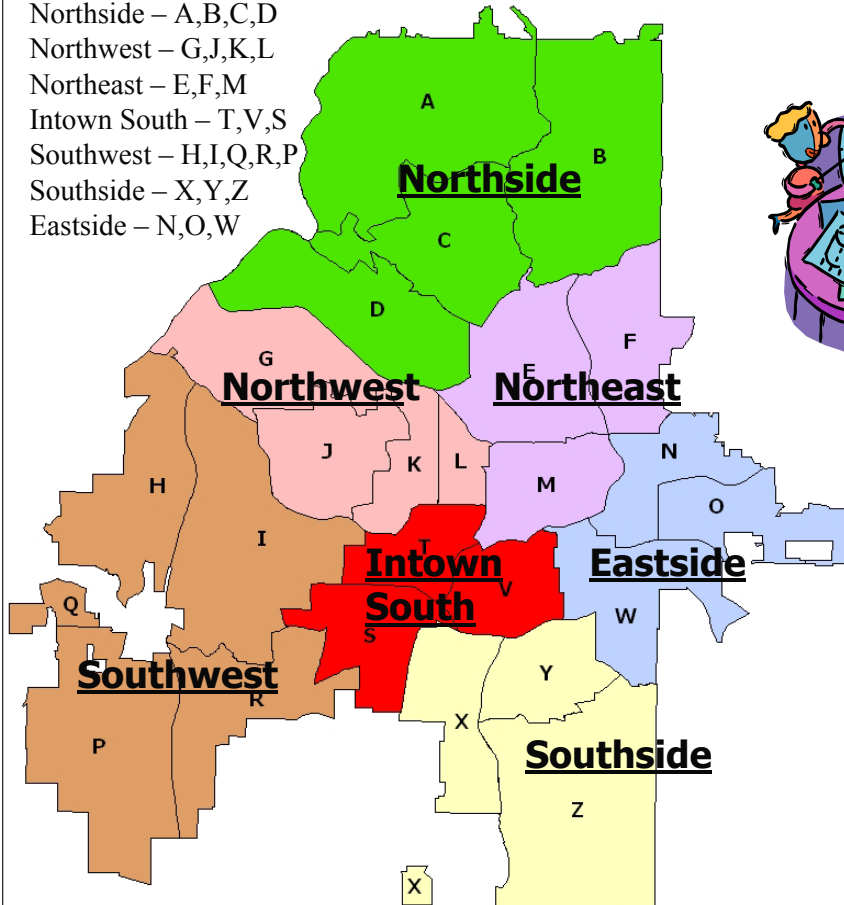
Northeast – E,F,M

Intown South – T,V,S

Southwest – H,I,Q,R,P

Southside – X,Y,Z

Eastside – N,O,W



■ Community Participation will include

- A series of community meetings during the planning phases
- NPU Comment Process





- A Special Public Hearing before the CDHR



Schedule Summary

Phase I

PROGRAM SCHEDULE		DATES
First Round COMMUNITY MEETINGS		April to May
 <i>PARTIAL PLAN UPDATE Draft ready for Public Review</i>		End of June
Second Round COMMUNITY MEETINGS		July
 <i>PARTIAL PLAN UPDATE – FINAL DRAFT</i>		End of July
Special Public Hearing at CITY HALL		July 30



Schedule Summary

Phase II

LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES	DATES
Submit Transmittal Resolution to Legal Department	June
Special Public Hearing at CITY HALL	July 30
CDHR Committee Transmittal Resolution Approval	July 31
City Council Transmittal Resolution Approval	August 21
<u>ASAP</u> <i>PARTIAL UPDATE</i> Submitted to ARC & forwarded to DCA (60 review period)	August 22 to October 22
Submit to Legal the Resolution to adopt the <u>ASAP</u> <i>PARTIAL UPDATE</i>	August 27
CDHR Committee to approve the final document	Sept 25 or October 9
City Council - final approval	October 15





The Full 2007-2032 ASAP Document

A two (2) year long
thorough and complete process.
October 2007 – October 2009



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